

Minutes of...Meeting to Discuss Policy Council

Details

Date: September 26, 2007

Time: noon

Place: County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Floor Magda Lawson Room, San Bernardino

Attendees

- Charles Adams, Community Action Partnership San Bernardino
 - Rick Arden, Probation Department
 - Karen Bell, District Attorney – Juvenile Division
 - Richard Burgess, DBH – TAY
 - Amy Cousineau, Children’s Network
 - Meaghan Ellis, Public Health
 - Ron Griffin, Preschool Services Department
 - Linda Haugan, Human Services Administration
 - Margaret Hill, County Schools
 - Stacy Iverson, First 5 San Bernardino
 - Steve Kovensky, Sheriff’s Department
 - Briana Lane, CAO – Board of Supervisors
 - Mike Markel, County Counsel
 - Allan Rawland, Department of Behavioral Health
 - Rebecca Stafford, Children’s Fund
 - Kathy Watkins, HS Legislation and Research
 - Greg Zerovnik, County Library Administration
 - David Zook, First District Board of Supervisors Representative
 - Norman Dollar, Department of Children’s Services
 - Karen Scott, First 5 San Bernardino
 - Ryan Berryman, HS Legislation and Research
 - Tammy Williams, Children’s Network
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Meeting purpose

Linda Haugan welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made. Linda announced that Amy Cousineau has been assigned as the Interim Network Officer, upon Kent’s retirement on September 14th. Ryan Berryman was also introduced as an MSW Intern in his field placement. Steve Kovensky mentioned he is no longer at the Fontana Sheriff’s Department, he has moved to Headquarters on Third Street. Greg Zerovnik thanked everyone that turned out for the Route 66 and stopped by the County Library booth. A motion was made to approve the agenda as submitted. A motion was made to approve the minutes that were submitted for the September meeting.

Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Welcome and Introductions	Haugan
Approval of Agenda	Haugan
Approval of July 2007 Minutes	Haugan
Review/approve TAY resource card	Cousineau
AB 1453 Update	Dollar
Children's Fund Report	Stafford
Other	All
Public Comment	All

Actions

Topic	Who is Responsible	Deadline
Make corrections to TAY Resource Card and distribute to community partners.	Children's Network Staff	By October 26, 2007
Linda suggested inviting Isaac Jackson to come and do a presentation for Policy Council Members since there are so many children that are homeless and living in cars.	Amy to invite and schedule on the agenda.	For an upcoming Policy Council Meeting

Key points:
Review/
Approve TAY
Resource Card

The following highlights were given:

- Amy mentioned she was asked to take the lead in developing a TAY (Transitional Age Youth) Resource card.
 - Amy asked everyone present to review the draft card and give her any needed corrections. She stated with everyone's approval she will order 1,000 laminated cards to share with your offices.
 - Corrections needed: Add to 211 (collect calls accepted); for TAY One-Stop Center add 909-693-1900 is the after hours call from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.; for TAY One-Stop Center add (909) 387-7194 for hours during the day 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - A motion was made for Children's Network to make corrections to the TAY card and have copies laminated then distribute to: Children's Policy Council Department Heads; the Children's Network/First 5 San Bernardino Collaborative meetings; homeless shelters; Foster Care and TAD (Transitional Assistance Department); Marci Atkins of San Bernardino City; Isaac Jackson of Office of the Homeless Services Coordination; and Patricia Nickols of the Community Action Partnership.
 - Linda mentioned that the Board of Supervisors approved the addition of four staff dedicated to the homeless. Isaac Jackson, one of the new staff will be reporting to her on homeless issues in San Bernardino County.
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Key points: AB 1453 Update

The following highlights were given:

- Norman Dollar was present to give an update on AB 1453 due to DeAnna Avey-Motikeit being out of town.
 - This bill is based on residential wraparound step-down services to be provided by group home providers
 - Another purpose of this treatment in group homes is to provide a continuum of short-term intensive treatment so the child will be able to go back into the community sooner.
 - There will be pilot counties to work on this project.
 - Kathy Watkins stated the Board of Supervisors took a position to support AB 1453. Only four counties can participate in the pilot.
 - Kathy thinks the Governor will sign off this bill around October 14th. Once that is done, SDSS (State Department of Social Services) will send a letter to all the 58 counties, so they can submit a letter of interest.
 - Kathy mentioned there would be specific case management waivers, CCL (Community Care Licensing) regulations, and specific welfare regulations.
 - The average cost for a child in group home per month is \$5,000 to \$6,000 and 50% of that funding will be used for step down model services – (state portion and not federal portion).
 - Kathy stated that the Casey Foundation has set aside 1/5 of a million dollars to work with counties that are selected.
 - The timeframe will be the rest of the year to complete negotiations and by the summer of 2008 to be operational.
 - Allan Rawland stated that Senator Soto is the sponsor of this bill. He stated this pilot would really transform the group home system of residential and continuum of care.
 - Allan stated that the Board of Supervisors yesterday approved some Wraparound and Early Wrap contracts. He stated that would be the same providers that could provide services as prescribed in AB 1453.
 - Allan believes AB 1453 will be a great tool to identify children at-risk before they get involved with the Juvenile Dependency System and Juvenile Hall.
 - Kathy stated the bill allows counties to form a consortium. San Diego and Orange County are interested in forming a consortium with San Bernardino County.
 - Allan thinks there will be more positive outcomes especially if the same case managers from DCS, (Department of Children's Services); PO (Probation Office), and DBH (Department of Behavioral Health) follow the case.
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Key points:
Children's
Fund Report

The following highlights were given:

- Rebecca Stafford stated the first wave of scholarship recipients are in process. Six qualified and four will be selected for the fall term.
 - The Christmas campaign is gearing up, with team leaders in place. They are in the process of getting toy boxes out into the community. She stated our children need our help and support. Last years' numbers were down. **Heather Lint is the contact (909) 387-4077 or hlint@hss.sbcounty.gov** for the Christmas Campaign.
 - Rebecca mentioned her staff are busy doing presentations for the Combined Giving Campaign. Some employees pick to do a payroll deduction to help. If you would like a presentation to your staff, give them a call at (909) 387-4949.
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Key points:
Other

The following highlights were given:

- Allan stated that plans are moving along to refurbish the H Building of the old County Medical Center to house the TAY (Transitional Age Youth) to have a crisis unit, with a residential component, and a one-stop center. The plan is to be able to house the children up to 30 days. He anticipates it will take nine to ten million dollars for the building and office space. The Director of the program is Andre Bossieux. He has been coordinating with Pacific Clinics, TAY Westside, and Morongo Basin. **Allan stated that Andre and Richard Burgess would be setting up discussions to see if any partners could assist with funding.** Allan mentioned some issues the teens have come in about are; homelessness with babies needing diapers, formula, etc.
- **Rebecca stated Children's Fund would assist with diapers and formula.**
- Richard stated any donations for a childcare room would be helpful. He stated another need has been for parenting classes, especially for the single fathers.
- Richard mentioned that First 5 San Bernardino staff has been arranging workshops at the TAY Center, which have been very helpful.
- It was suggested to Richard to capture some of the stories of the teens they serve, so the outcomes can be reported for evaluation purposes.
- Richard stated it has been helpful for him working with the teens, since he has had an extensive background in the foster care system.
- Richard stated they could use some mother and father figures, as well as mentors and volunteers.
- **Amy suggested that the TAY Centers need to have a linkage through the START Centers, since they can provide treatment and parenting classes funded through First 5 San Bernardino.**
- Rick Arden stated that the 17 to 21 year olds being paroled could use some referral sources through TAY.
- Amy mentioned at the meeting next month there would be special presentations for Kent and Judge McGuire.
- Amy stated that Judge Slough would be convening Policy Council in October.
- Sue Taylor stated Children's Network had another successful Annual Conference at the Ontario DoubleTree. There were registered 550 each day. Sue stated staff has been reviewing the evaluations, most were positive and several wanted Dr. Perry and the Foster Youth Panel brought back. Sue stated she is in the process now to find a conference site for 2008.
- Sue also announced there will be an Operation Phoenix Non-Profit Summit on September 27th at the Orange Show in San Bernardino from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is the first county/city partnership to conduct a conference. The day will be filled with networking and partnership building. There will also be six breakout groups so that the collaborative and partnership ideas will be collected.
- David Zook mentioned to look at the First District Website to see what they can offer.

David stated Supervisor Mitzelfelt is particularly interested in after school programs, gang intervention, and programs for at-risk youth.

- Allan stated they are getting the 24-hour Crisis Center in Victorville off the ground, and everyone will be invited to the Open House in a few weeks.
 - He stated the Crisis Response Team for children is operational 24/7 and can provide a mobile response. Through the MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) funding and adult component will be added.
 - Norman stated the Crisis Response Team has been a tremendous help in relationship building, and avoiding high-level placements.
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Key points:
Public
Comment

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 24, 2007 at noon, Magda Lawson Room, 5th Floor, County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino.